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1. HERewith ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING JUSTIFICATION AND PROPOSED VISITS OF FOUR MILITARY NOMINEES IN PRIORITY ORDER:

2. ALL FOUR MILITARY NOMINEES COME UNDER CU CP PART II A-1 (GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL LEADERS, PRESENT AND FUTURE). PRIORITY ORDER THAT CATEGORY IS FOLLOWING FOR PRINCIPAL NOMINEES: JAIME GUZMAN (CIVILIAN), COL. HORACIO ESTEBAN TORO HURRA, AND COL. RENE ESCAURIAZA ALVARADO. ALTERNATES: EMILIO SANFUENTES (CIVILIAN), COL. HOSMAN ABEL PEREZ SEPULVEDA, AND COL. ALEJANDRO MEDINA LOIS. NO OTHER MILITARY NOMINEES CONTEMPLATED IN THIS OR OTHER CATEGORY THIS FY UNLESS ANY OF THESE FOUR UNABLE ACCEPT INVITATION OR NOT APPROVED BY DEPARTMENT.

3. JUSTIFICATION:

A MILITARY JUNTA CONTINUES TO GOVERN CHILE, AND THE MAJORITY OF HIGH RANKING POSITIONS WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT ARE OCCUPIED BY MILITARY PERSONNEL. PRESIDENT AUGUSTO PINOCHET AND OTHER TOP GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS CLEARLY STATE THAT THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT WILL REMAIN IN POWER AS LONG AS NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE A BASIC ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL RECONSTRUCTION OF THE COUNTRY. THE EM-

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SIDERABLE PERIOD OF TIME, WITH NO VIABLE ALTERNATIVE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE. WITH THIS IN MIND, WE CONSIDER THE IVP TRAVEL OF CAREFULLY SELECTED MILITARY PERSONNEL TO BE IN U.S. SHORT AND LONG-TERM INTERESTS. FOLLOWING IS INFORMATION REQUESTED ON MILITARY NOMINEES, LISTED BY ORDER OF PRIORITY:

4. COL. (ARMY) HORACIO ESTEBAN TORO HURRA, DEPUTY CHIEF OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE JUNTA (COAJ). AS PREVIOUSLY NOTED (REF C), TORO IS IMPRESSIVE, AND HOLDS AN IMPORTANT AND INFLUENTIAL POSITION WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT. WE BELIEVE HE HAS A SIGNIFICANT INPUT INTO MANY MAJOR POLICY DECISIONS, PARTICULARLY IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HE HAS BEEN UNDERSTANDING OF THE US POSITION ON ISSUES AFFECTING CHILE, AND HAS PRIVATELY EXPRESSED HIS DESIRE FOR THE GOC TO IMPROVE ITS INTERNATIONAL IMAGE BY IMPROVING HUMAN RIGHTS AT HOME. HIS COUNSEL IS APPARENTLY RESPECTED IN HIGH GOVERNMENT CIRCLES, AND WE JUDGE HE HAS POTENTIAL TO GAIN SIGNIFICANTLY GREATER INFLUENCE. A WELL PLANNED TRIP TO THE U.S. WOULD GIVE HIM A CLEARER PERCEPTION OF OUR DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM AND INSTITUTIONS, AND BUILD ON HIS CURRENT RESPECT FOR THE UNITED STATES. PRELIMINARY PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS: TALKS WITH STATE AND DEFENSE DEPT OFFICIALS, CONTACT WITH CONGRESSMEN ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEES; VISITS TO SEVERAL UNIVERSITIES WITH LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES; UNITED NATIONS; SAMPE SMALL TOWN ENVIRONMENT; VISIT LEGISLATORS IN STATE CAPITAL; VIEW BICENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES; AND OTHER ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO GIVE TORO A WIDE VIEW OF THE AMERICAN ENVIRONMENT, AND AN UNDERSTANDING OF USG FOREIGN POLICY DECISION MAKING PROCESS.

5. COL. (ARMY) RENE ESCAURIAZA ALVARADO, SECRETARY TO ARMY COMMANDER IN CHIEF AND SECRETARY TO THE JUNTA OF GOVERNMENT. ESCAURIAZA IS CONSIDERED A PRIME CANDIDATE FOR RAPID PROMOTION IN THE ARMY. AS ONE OF THE ARMY'S BEST COLONELS, HE CURRENTLY HOLDS TWO INFLUENTIAL POSTS, CLOSE TO THE CENTERS OF POWER WITHIN THE ARMY AND THE GOVERNMENT.

9. AS SECRETARY TO THE JUNTA, HE ATTENDS JUNTA MEETINGS AND HAS CLOSE AND FREQUENT CONTACT WITH THE JUNTA MEMBERS. HE ALSO HAS BROAD RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE COORDINATION OF THE UTILIZATION OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS. HE IS INTELLIGENT, OPEN - MINDED, AND INTERESTED IN IMPROVING THE GOC'S INTERNATIONAL IMAGE. TRAVEL TO THE US WOULD GIVE ESCAURIAZA A BETTER UNDERLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STANDING OF OUR SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT AND DEMOCRACY. PRELIMINARY PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS: PROGRAMMING SHOULD INCLUDE DISCUSSIONS AT DEPT OF STATE, TREASURY AND DEFENSE: DISCUSSIONS WITH VARIOUS UNIVERSITY AND MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES INTERESTED IN LATIN AMERICA; A VIEW OF LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS CONGRESSIONAL CONTACT; AND A GENERAL VIEW OF THE AVERAGE AMERICAN AND HIS ENVIRONMENT.

6. COL. HOSMAN ABEL PEREZ SEPULVEDA, UNDER SECRETARY OF CARABINEROS (NATIONAL POLICE). AS UNDER SECRETARY, PEREZ HAS SIGNIFICANT INFLUENCE WITHIN THE CARABINERO ORGANIZATION, AND WE BELIEVE HE IS MARKED FOR HIGHER RANK. PEREZ WOULD BE THE FIRST IVP GRANT NOMINEE FROM THIS, THE FOURTH UNIFORMED SERVICE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. NOTING THE CURRENT MILITARY GOVERNMENT AND THE PROSPECTS FOR CONTINUATION OF SAME FORM OF MILITARY RULE, IT IS IN THE US INTEREST TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF THE CARABINEROS AS A NOMINEE. PEREZ IS NOT JUST A NATIONAL POLICE OFFICIAL, BUT AN OPEN-MINDED, BRIGHT MEMBER OF THE GOC. PRELIMINARY PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS: EXPOSURE TO THE US ENVIRONMENT IN GENERAL, AS WELL AS TO HIS OWN PROFESSIONAL PREFERENCES; VISITS TO POLICE FORCES AT ALL LEVELS, INCLUDING THE FBI; DISCUSSIONS WITH DEPT OF STATE OFFICIALS AND CONGRESSMEN; WIDE EXPOSURE TO UNIVERSITIES, LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT, LOCAL POLITICS, THE COURT SYSTEM, AND BICENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES.

7. COL. (ARMY) ALEJANDRO MEDINA LOIS, DIRECTOR OF ARMY WAR ACADEMY. MEDINA ENJOYS AN OUTSTANDING REPUTATION WITHIN THE ARMY AND HAS THE PROPER QUALITIES TO REACH THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE ARMY HIERARCHY. IN HIS CURRENT POSITION, MEDINA IS IN CONTACT WITH A WIDE RANGE OF INFLUENTIAL PERSONS IN BOTH MILITARY AND CIVILIAN LIFE. THE ARMY WAR COLLEGE IS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING COURSES FOR CIVILIANS IN THE MEDIA AS WELL AS FOR UP AND COMING ARMY OFFICERS. MEDINA, AS DIRECTOR, HAS THE POTENTIAL TO INFLUENCE IMPORTANT SECTORS OF CHILEAN SOCIETY. EMBASSY PERSONNEL ARE IMPRESSED WITH MEDINA'S INTELLIGENCE AND AWARENESS. AN IVP GRANT WOULD GIVE HIM A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE U.S. AND AN AWARENESS OF HOW US POLICY IS MADE. PRELIMINARY PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS INCLUDE: DISCUSSIONS AT STATE AND HEW (FOCUSING ON EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND END TRAINING); VISITS TO SEVERAL UNIVERSITIES TO INCLUDE A ROTC UNIT VISIT; A VIEW OF NIGHT SCHOOL AND ADULT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EDUCATION PROGRAMS; LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT; A VIEW OF THE MEDIA AND HOW THEY FUNCTION; A GENERAL VIEW OF MIDDLE AMERICA; AND VARIOUS BICENTENNIAL PROJECTS.  
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